(CBWTF)", which provide facility to treat bio-medical wastes of Government Hospitals as well as private sector healthcare units. Inspections are carried out by Delhi Pollution Control Committee to ensure that incineration takes place at the optimum temperature so that the generations of these obnoxious fumes do not take place.

CCFS Sub-Committee on synthetic colours in sweets and beverages

1258. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Additives and Contaminants Sub-Committee of CCFS has recommended conduct of national level survey on maximum level of synthetic colours in sweets and beverages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Food Additives and Contaminants Sub-Committee of CCFS considered the comments on draft PFA Amendment Rules pertaining to lowering of maximum limit of synethetic food colours (Erythrosine and Sunset Yellow FCF). The Sub-Committee observed that the proposed draft rules are based on results of limited survey and hence a national level survey should be conducted on the issue. A decision on the need for national level survey is to be taken by the Government.

Steps to check the quacks and untrained doctors

†1259. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the people are cheated by the quacks and untrained doctors in the country who give misleading advertisments for guaranteed treatment; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check the activities of such persons?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) and (b) The State Medical Councils who grant registration to practitioners take action where called for against quacks. The provisions exist in the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 and Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 and Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973 to take action against unqualified/unregistered practitioners of medicine. Any person who acts in contravention of the provision can be punished with imprisonment and fine under respective Acts. The responsibility of enforcement of the statutory provisions is that of various State Governments

Use of synthetic vanilla in ice-cream

1260. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that synthetic vanilla is widely used in ice-creams;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.